



AUGUST 2023 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Wheelchair accessible. For more information call (413) 863-3221.

VISITOR CENTER	<p>OPEN 6 days a week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.• Wednesdays—Sundays, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. <p>Explore the natural, cultural and industrial history of the Connecticut River Watershed with our dynamic exhibit dioramas. Adjacent to the Canalside Rail Trail, the center also includes the Great Hall exhibit gallery, restrooms, and drinking water. Wheelchair accessible. Located at 2 Avenue A in Turners Falls.</p>
ONGOING, JULY 29 – AUGUST 30	<p>GREAT HALL EXHIBIT: PORTRAITS IN RED – MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE PAINTING PROJECT</p> <p>The murder rate for Native women is about 3 times more than that of most other women. 98% of Indigenous people experience violence in their lifetime, with only a 6% prosecution rate. Athol-based artist Nayana LaFond began painting a portrait, “Lauraina in RED”, in 2020 to support the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous peoples. The response was overwhelming. She painted another with more overwhelming response. Nayana invited anyone wanting her to paint them or their loved one for free. She received over 25 responses that first day...and the messages never stopped coming.</p>
ONGOING	<p>STORYWALK® SERIES</p> <p>Enjoy a story, fresh air and exercise! Join us on the Discovery Center’s grounds for free self-guided StoryWalks® featuring children’s picture books. Follow the path to book pages posted along the route.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 1—August 8: <i>Mole Music</i> by David McPhail, for readers ages 4-7 and everyone who dreams of being a musician and changing the world.• August 17—Sept. 26: <i>Agua, Agüita / Water, Little Water</i> by Jorge Argueta, a bilingual book for readers ages 4-7 and everyone who celebrates water. <p><small>*The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. This StoryWalk® is provided by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Interpretive Services.</small></p>
WEDNESDAYS, AUGUST 2, 9, 16, & 23	<p>NICE & EASY WALKS</p> <p>10:00—11:00 a.m., Main Entrance</p> <p>An easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls, geared for seniors, but open to all ages. Join others seeking fresh air and exercise. A DCR Park Interpreter highlights natural and local history along the way. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather and sturdy footwear and bring water. Meet outside the main entrance.</p>
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13	

MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

coming events



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FRIDAYS, AUGUST 4, 11, 18, & 25	KIDLEIDOSCOPE STORY HOUR 8/4: Bees & Flowers; 8/11: Coyotes; 8/18: River Otters; 8/25: Skunks, 10:30—11:30 a.m., Great Hall For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Learn more about our wildlife neighbors who share our home. Program includes a story, activities, and a craft. Activities are indoors and outdoors, weather permitting. Siblings and friends welcome.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5	POCUMTUCK HOMELANDS FESTIVAL 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Unity Park on 1st Street A free two-day celebration at Unity Park in Turners Falls, sponsored by the Nolumbeka Project and RiverCulture. This festival is the perfect combination of live music, drumming, dancing, storytelling, native crafts and food. On Saturday August 5, 10 a.m.—5 p.m., families may visit the Northfield Mountain-Great Falls Discovery Center tent. Create a fun make-and-take nature-themed craft. For more information on the entire event visit nolumbekaproject.org/events .
FRIDAY, AUGUST 11	GREAT FALLS COFFEEHOUSE PRESENTS: HAMPTON TRIO, 7:00—9:00 p.m., Great Hall Join us for the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center’s concert series featuring local talent. Enjoy classical and contemporary music for mandolins, mandola, and guitar from the Hampton Trio. Refreshments available. Sliding scale suggested donations, all in support of educational programming at the Center.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19	ART NATURALLY SERIES 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Great Hall Discover nature through story, poetry, and art in our series of free Art Naturally programs. Using words and images, instruction and techniques you create an art piece inspired by the natural world to take home. For adults, teens, and children ages 6 and up (accompanied by an adult). All art materials provided.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19	MONTAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARIES PRESENTS: THE WHALE MOBILE, 2:00—4:00 p.m., Great Hall Whale watch naturalist, Cynde McInnis, presents an introduction to whales. Then 20 people at a time see the Whale Mobile inflate and get to go inside! Call the Carnegie library at 413-863-3214 to sign up! You have a choice of which of the four, 30-minute time slots you would prefer. In collaboration with Montague Public Libraries, RiverCulture, and the center.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20	LIVE ANIMAL PROGRAM: MASSACHUSETTS WILDLIFE, 2:00—3:00 p.m., Great Hall Free. For all ages. Put a face to the challenges wildlife must rise to meet. The Southern Vermont Natural History Museum presents a live animal program featuring wildlife of the Connecticut River Watershed. You may see snakes, birds, mammals, and reptiles! Includes a presentation of furs, skulls and other artifacts for an exploration of our local fauna.

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